

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 99,843-A)

In re Application of: )  
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Kircher et al. ) Group Art Unit: 3725  
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Serial No. Unknown )  
 ) Examiner : W. Hong  
Filed January 11, 2002 )  
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For SIZE REDUCTION MACHINE )  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows before calculating the application filing fee:

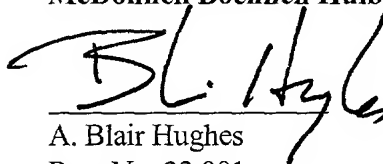
**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Cancel claims 1-7 and 16-19 from the application without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 8-15 are pending in this application.

Respectfully submitted,  
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